

## REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview on July 31, 2003.

The following remarks are fully and completely responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 2003. Claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72-73 and 75-78 are pending in this application with claim 74 cancelled by the present Amendment. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68 and 72-78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) (two different rejections). No new matter has been added. Claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72-73 and 75-78 are presented for reconsideration.

### Claim Objection

Claim 74 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). Cancellation of claim 74 renders this objection moot.

### 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 57, 59, 63, 66, 68, 72, 73, 74 and 75 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toh (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,652) in view of Fan (U.S. Patent No. 6,498,775). The cancellation of claim 74 renders this rejection moot as to this claim.

Claims 65, 76, 77 and 78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toh (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,652) in view of Fan (U.S. Patent No. 6,498,775), and further in view of Wehmeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,795).

In making these rejections, the Office Action asserts that it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine these references and that the combination of these references teaches and/or suggests each and every element of the claimed invention. Claim 57 recites an information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through an Internet including:

reading means, after setting an information recording medium in the reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

The Office Action asserts that Toh teaches and/or suggests an address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information where the address information indicates an address position of a homepage provided in the information server for transmitting related information related to the information recording medium and corresponding to the information recording medium.

As discussed in detail during the interview, Toh teaches that a data object on a CD-ROM has a URL (e.g., < File:///livecd/file1.bmp HYBRID>). This URL, when read by the live player 5, is sent to the live server 10. Upon receipt, the live server 10 does not transmit a homepage back to live player 5. Instead, live server 10 translates the URL read from the CD-ROM, using translation table 60, into the actual URL of the requested object (for example, <HTTP://GENESIS.ITI.GOV.SG/puv/file1.bmp>). The live server 10 then transmits the translated or actual URL to the live player 5. After the live player checks the translated URL to determine whether the local disk cache contains a copy of the material from this URL, and not finding a copy in the local cache, live player 5 then requests the data object/webpage at the actual/translated URL (e.g., <HTTP://GENESIS.ITI.GOV.SG/puv/file1.bmp>).

As illustrated above, the URL embedded in the CD-ROM is not the URL of a homepage or webpage. In contrast, the URL on the CD-ROM of Toh is the URL that is sent to the live server 10 for translation into the real URL that is then used by the live player to access a resource on the Internet.

Neither Fan nor Wehmeyer are cited for, nor do they correct, this defect in Toh.

Accordingly, the combination of Toh and Fan or the combination of Toh, Fan and Wehmeyer fails to teach and/or suggest the claimed invention. Specifically, the combination of these references fails to teach and/or suggest an address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information automatically when the reading of information is initiated upon the information recording medium being set in the reading means, the address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in the information server for transmitting related information related to the information

recording medium, and corresponding to the information recording medium. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72-73 and 75-78 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) (two different rejections).

## **Conclusion**

Applicants' amendment and remarks have overcome the objection and rejections set forth in the Office Action dated February 3, 2003. Specifically, Applicants' cancellation of claim 74 overcomes the objection to claim 74. Applicants' remarks have distinguished claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72-73 and 75-78 from the combination of Toh and Fan or the combination of Toh, Fan and Wehmeyer and thus overcome the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) (two different rejections). Accordingly, claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72-73 and 75-78 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of these claims.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to attorney docket number 107156-07043.

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